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## The 'Hawks' Soar

As incredible as it seems to us, Kennedy, former Ambassador to Russia Llewellyn Thompson, and Robert Lovett, another elder statesman.

The Post article reports that after considerable discussion the "hawks" tended to become less bellicose and the "doves" tended to become more firm and that a merging of positions came about resulting in the sea blockade with plans to follow through, if necessary, with direct military intervention in Cuba.

Now, the Christian Science Monitor can't understand why the public has not sided equally against Mr. Stevenson's reported position and against the "Hawks", whose position it asserts "would have been equally foolhardy policy."

May we offer an explanation?

The "hawks" favored an immediate air strike to eliminate the missile bases. Their membership is reported to have included CIA Chief John McCone, Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson who was brought in as an elder statesman, General Maxwell Taylor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the service chiefs, and Presidential Assistant McGeorge Bundy.

The "doves" opposed an air strike and favored a limited blockade. Their membership included Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, Attorney General Robert